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SOLIDIFIED, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME AND PRODUCTION
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date, OR more than three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application, AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, whichever occurs first, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (37 CFR 1.97(c)).

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in a Supplementary European Search Report issued June 26, 2008, during the prosecution of International Application No. 04807357.1, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the Supplementary European Search Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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